(c) Upto 1994-95, when the programme was implemented on sectoral basis, Central Government released an amount of Rs. 881.00 crores to Programme States. The Release figures, thereafter, upto 21.02.2003 is Rs. 1113.38 crores.

Review of Rural Development Programmes

888. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre is reviewing the programmes of Rural Development Projects/Schemes in terms of non-performance and under-utilisation of funds;

(b) whether the Centre has sought the concurrence of States to facilitate constitutional amendment to Panchayati Raj Act and if so, the reaction of the States thereto;

(c) whether the Centre plans to revise the guidelines for Rural Development Schemes and Projects; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Rural Development has initiated steps to further revise the Guidelines of the Watershed Development Programmes under 'Hariyali'.

Proper functioning of District Rural Development Authority

889. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that District Rural Development Authority is not yet properly instituted; and

(b) if so, what measures would the Minister adopt to make the institution work properly?